

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

M.K.-R.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, et al,

Defendants.

25-CV-43 (DEH)

ORDER

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

In this case, Plaintiff seeks attorney's fees in connection with her claims under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title 20, United States Code, Section 1410 *et seq.* By separate Order to be entered today, the Court is referring the matter to the assigned Magistrate Judge both for General Pretrial Purposes, including settlement, and for any dispositive motions, including motions for summary judgment.

Unless and until the Magistrate Judge orders otherwise, the parties shall file a joint letter (addressed to the Magistrate Judge), no later than **two weeks from the date of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance**, and not to exceed two pages, indicating whether there is any need for discovery or an initial conference in this case. If there is no such need, the parties should include in their letter a proposed briefing schedule for any motions, including motions for summary judgment.

In addition, to conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, Plaintiff shall, **within two**

weeks of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance, either mail or email to HoNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/node/754>. If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before the undersigned.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, the parties must file a joint letter **by the same deadline** advising the Court that the parties do not consent, **but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent**. There will be no adverse consequences if the parties do not consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 3, 2025
New York, New York



DALE E. HO
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

<i>Plaintiff</i>)	
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NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

<i>Printed names of parties and attorneys</i>	<i>Signatures of parties or attorneys</i>	<i>Dates</i>

Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date: _____

District Judge's signature

Printed name and title

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.